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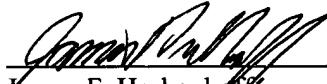
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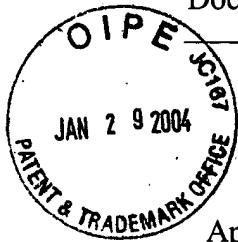
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- An Information Disclosure Statement.
- A PTO Form 1449 with thirty seven (37) references, four (4) enclosed.
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing thirty seven (37) references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of other references, if listed, are enclosed.

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2.	2002-0099360	7/25/02	Bierman			
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4.	DES347,060	5/17/94	Bierman			
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11	DES399,954	10/20/98	Bierman			
12	4,711,636	12/8/87	Bierman			
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32	6,572,588	6/3/03	Bierman, et al.			
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
35	U.S. patent application serial no. 09/136,271, applicant Steven F. Bierman, filed August 18, 1989.	
36	U.S. patent application serial no. 10/677,757, applicant Steven F. Bierman, filed October 1, 2003.	
37	U.S. design application serial no. 29/179,916, applicant Steven F. Bierman, filed April 14, 2003.	

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